

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Can they employ more hands for the translation of these things?

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Members might remember that in my opening speech I have stated that Government has set up a machinery to bring all laws up to date. The promise was made only a few days back and so Hon'ble Members must give a chance for the Government to do so.

158. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Bills passed by the Legislative Council and which are pending consideration before the Government with the dates on which they were passed?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer given to Question No. 157.

Extent of Agricultural lands auctioned by Civil Courts.

159. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Are the Government aware of the extent in acres of agricultural lands auctioned each year by Civil Courts for realising debt, from 1104 to 1109?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government consider that the time and expense involved in the collection of the statistics are not commensurate with the result.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Am I to take that Government is the authority to decide the usefulness or otherwise of the information asked for?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government have a right to weigh and ascertain whether the possible good that comes from the efforts made will well balance.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Before answering this question in this way has the Government ascertained the progressive ruin of the indebted agriculturists?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Hon'ble Member should then have put a plain question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, I shall change the form. Are the Government aware of the extent in acres of agricultural lands sold in auction each year by the Civil Courts? Can they at least give me the figures for 1109? This question was obviously intended to show the Government that the indebted peasantry of this country are subjected to a course of progressive ruin by the harassment of the creditors. Again I ask why the information was not given?